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MEDIA RELEASE
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From: Undersheriff Robert E. Levy
Date Occurred: 6-29-11 3:15 p.m.
Incident: Fatal traffic accident
Location: Monitor Pass, west of Heenan Lake

On Wednesday, June 29th at approximately 1:00 p.m., the Sheriff's Office was contacted by family members of a man who had been reported missing to another law enforcement agency on 6-27-11. The family felt the missing man may have come into Alpine County for a motorcycle ride.

Units were dispatched to check area roads.

A California Highway Patrol helicopter was in the area for another incident, and flew over the Monitor Pass area after completing that detail. At 3:11 p.m. the helicopter reported seeing a motorcycle and a possible victim down off the side of the roadway. Upon arrival of Sheriff and Highway Patrol units, the victim was confirmed to be deceased.

The victim is Kurt Ernest Muench, age 41, of Carson City, NV. It appears he suffered fatal injuries when the motorcycle he was riding went approximately 130 feet down a steep embankment. The Alpine County Coroner will conduct an investigation into the exact cause of death and the California Highway Patrol will conduct the accident investigation.

The law requires that arrest information be made available to the public. This publication may contain suspect information about individuals that have been recently booked by the Alpine County Sheriff's Office. Names of juveniles (under 18-years-old) are not public. Suspect information and ongoing investigation details are also withheld. Since most cases have yet to be adjudicated, all charges should be considered allegations. For questions/concerns regarding any information contained in this publication, contact Undersheriff Robert E. Levy at (530) 694-2231.

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